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**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, the  
time period for responding to which has been extended one (1) month to and including  
Tuesday, January 21, 2003 by the accompanying Extension Petition, please make the  
following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following new Claims 8-15 as follows:

8. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the acrylonitrile  
solution comprises from 0.0001 to 1% of at least one primary antioxidant selected from  
the group consisting of alkyl-substituted hydroxybenzenes and hindered phenols